

# TO GUARD SHOPPERS AT HOLIDAY PERIOD

**Maj. Pullman to Have All Available Detectives in the Business Section.**

## WOMEN WILL BE EMPLOYED TO CATCH SHOPLIFTERS

**Numerous Robberies in Various  
Parts of the City Reported  
to the Police.**

In an effort to prevent shoplifting and other classes of thefts from being committed in business houses during the Christmas shopping season, Maj. Pullman, superintendent of police, has directed that a large number of detectives be put in the business section. Owners of some of the larger mercantile establishments, it is stated, also will have detectives of their own on duty, and members of the police force are being sought, being caught helping themselves to property belonging to others may expect to find themselves behind prison bars a little later.

Maj. Pullman and Inspector Grant advised all members of the force of the command of the importance of being on the alert during the holiday season, and in order to make the work of the department more effective, it is stated, that the police will be in several of the larger establishments.

"Women often are able to accomplish more than men," said Maj. Pullman, "and for that reason it is deemed advisable to have them

### Precinct Detectives to Aid

It is the intention of the superintendent of police to have detectives from some of the precincts augment the regular force, and it is stated, some of the uniformed men also will be in evidence. Some of them will be charged with the duty of preventing congestion on the much-traveled thoroughfares.

Inspector Grant's men last week learned of the presence in this city of a notorious shoplifter, who has been in the toils several times and who, it is believed, is now in the city for a third. She was trailed from place to place for several hours, the police say, and, probably discovering she was being followed, she fled to the police station and boarded an outgoing train.

### Robberies Reported

Miss J. J. Corbey, 1319 Fairmont street, yesterday afternoon had reason to believe that at least one light-fingered individual had concluded not to wait until the stores are better protected. She stated that when she was in an elevator in a 7th street store she was relieved of \$50. The money was taken from her handbag. She stated that when she was in a store northwest, was another victim. She was in an elevator in a store on Pennsylvania street when her handbag was robbed of \$22 in bills and a small amount of change. In an effort to get the money back, she went to the report made to the police, Mrs. A. S. Harvey, 1436 W street northwest, stated that she was relieved of \$25.50 in cash and several car tickets. The card case was taken from her handbag.

Mrs. LeRoy Goff, 2303 California avenue, complained of the loss of \$25. She stated that when she was in a store yesterday, the police were informed, when her handbag was relieved of the

Loses Pocketbook and \$50.

Mrs. M. C. Sands, 612 Longfellow street, told of losing a mesh bag containing a pocketbook and \$50. She was unable to give any definite information of the circumstances attending the loss.

Joseph E. Harris, 2158 California street, reported the loss of a card case containing \$11 in cash and a receipt. He said he could not tell how the card case and cash got out of his pocket.

William Hahn & Co., 7th and K streets northwest, reported to the police the theft of a case of shoes, valued at \$65. The shoes were taken from where they had been placed in front of the firm's place of business.

Leo F. Long, 4307 New Hampshire avenue, reported that burglars visited his house Friday, gained entrance by breaking a glass panel from a door and carried off about \$15 worth of property, mostly wearing apparel.

John S. Meridith, resident of L street northwest, complained that he was held up at the point of a pistol Friday night and robbed of about \$6 in cash. He was in an alley near 15th and K streets northwest, he stated, when a young man, who was accompanied by a woman, forced him to give up his money. The robber, he stated, spoke French.

### Many Other Thefts Noted.

Raymond Rollins, employed at a store at 8th and E streets southeast, complained of the theft of an order of groceries worth \$3. The groceries were taken from in front of the store.

William W. Matchett, 323 N street northwest, complained of the theft of a sack coat valued at \$5. There was an order book and several car tickets in the pockets of the garment.

Joseph A. Crockett, 511 2d street southeast, reported the loss of a small express wagon, which was taken from in front of a store on 8th street southeast.

Charles Sohne, 1364 Irving street, told the police that he had been in the laundry gain access to his premises Friday night by cutting a screen from a rear porch window and climbing through it. He said he had been in the laundry before they succeeded in effecting an entrance.

Sheriff, 525 Quebec street, asked the police to recover a bundle of laundry that was taken from his automobile on Saturday morning. His laundry was numbered 169.

R. L. Myers, North Pitt street, Alexandria, Va., said he had a .38 Smith and Wesson revolver and pair of glasses. The items were taken from his automobile in Washington, D. C., last Thursday morning. He valued the property at \$100.

James B. King, Balliston, Va., told the police that he had been in the laundry last week. The automobile in which he was traveling was armed with a .38 Smith and Wesson revolver, a gold watch and a black bag.

## RAILWAY FILES COMPLAINT

### Objects to Carrying Baggage for Persons Who Ride in Autos.

ATLANTA, Ga., December 4.—Charging that it annually carries thousands of pounds of baggage for persons who buy tickets, then make their trips in automobiles, the Central railroad for redemption, the Central railroad for redemption, on behalf of itself and other railroads, today petitioned the state railroad commission to fix a rate for carrying such baggage.

The charges that in some instances traveling salesmen, who purchase tickets, pay 20 cents per hundred pounds for excess baggage, take an automobile to their destination and leave it in the ticket for redemption. Automobiles are not allowed to carry baggage within the 100-pound limit and, therefore, pay nothing, the petition charges.

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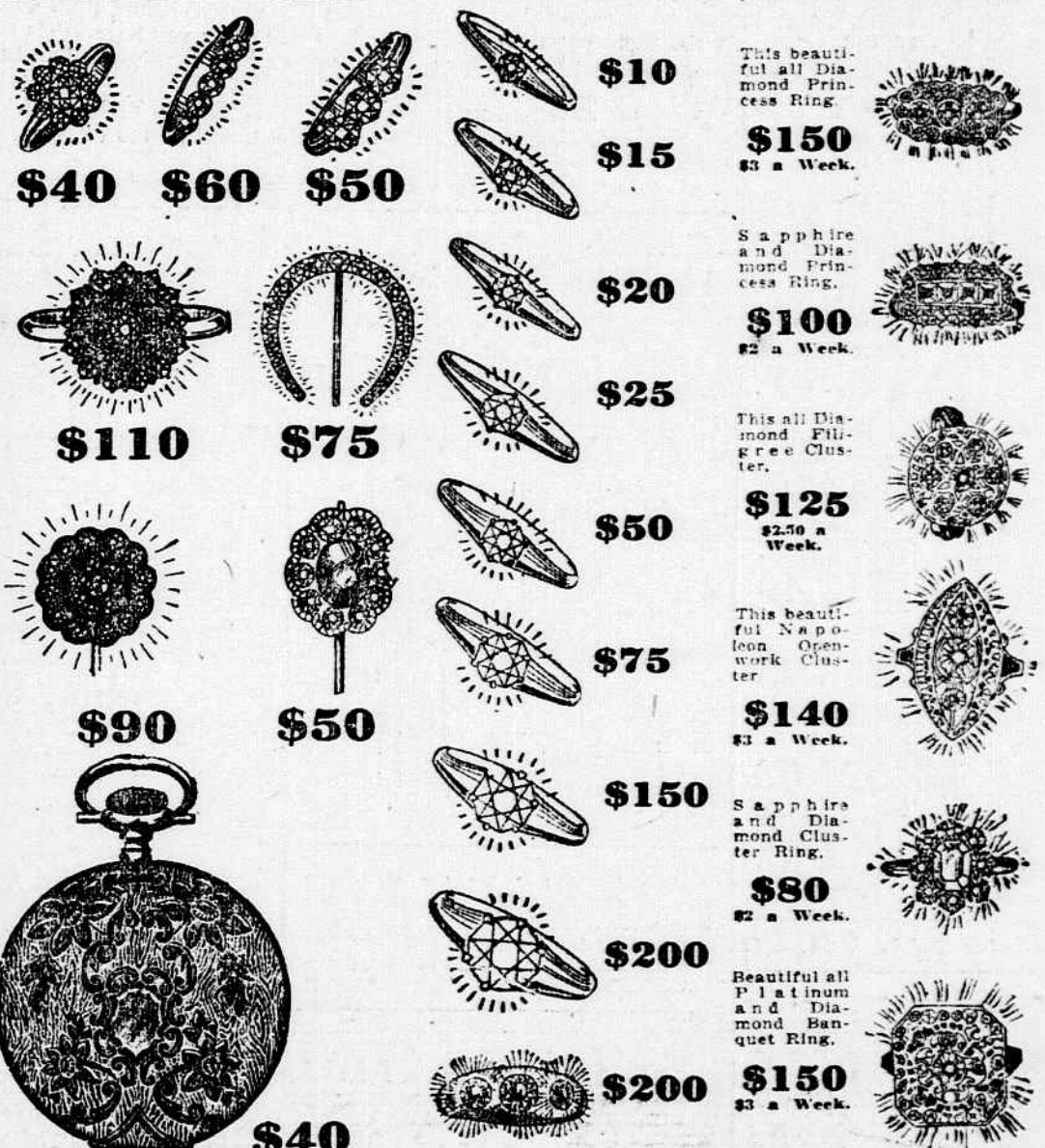
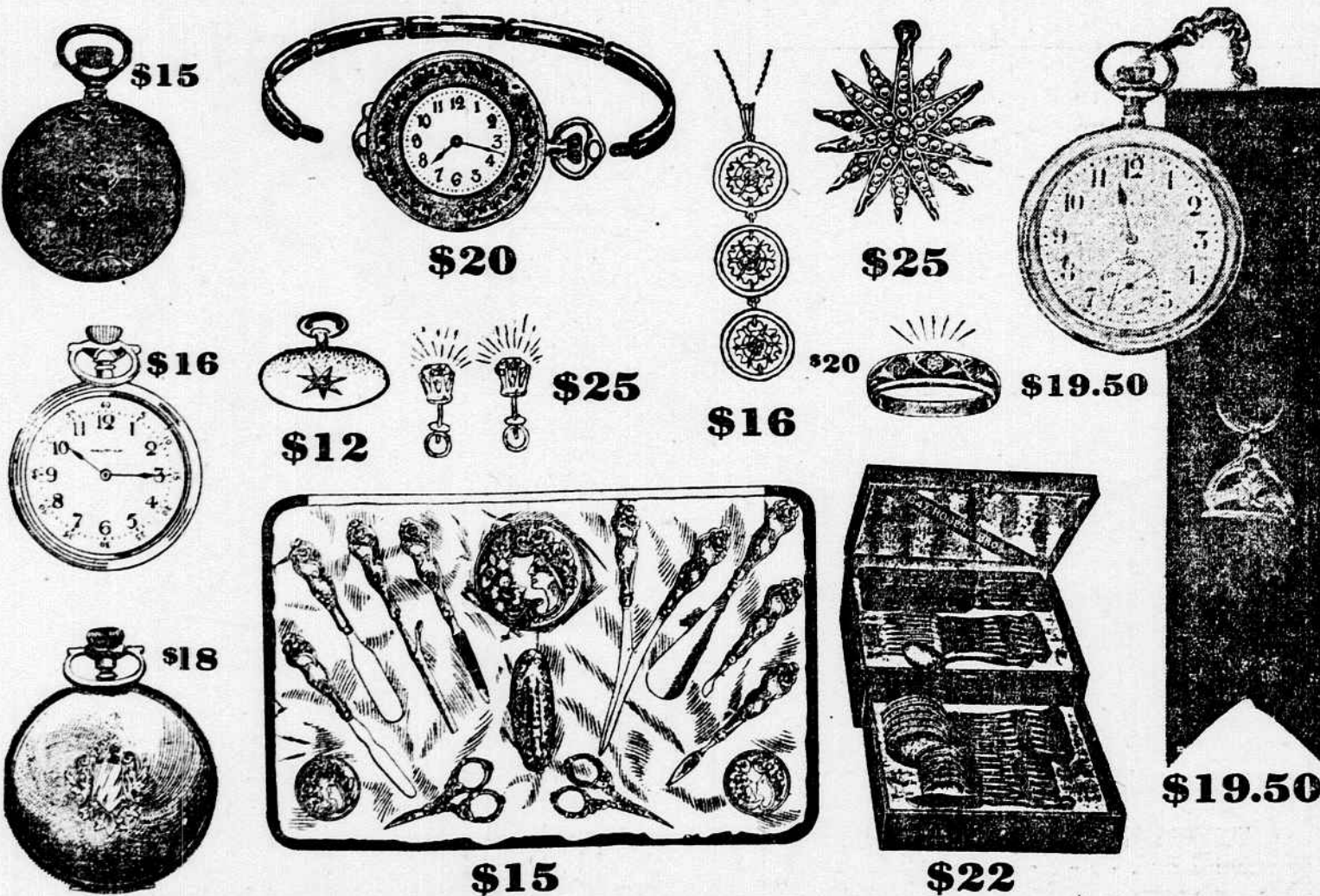
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